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1. DEPARTMENT SPECIFIED IN REF (A) THAT EMBASSY SHOULD ISSUE B-1 VISA TO USSR RADIO INDUSTRY DEPUTY MINISTER N.V. GORSHKOV FOR COMMERICAL VISIT, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAD RECOMMENDED IN REF (B) THAT A-2 VISA BE GRANTED IN VIEW HIS DEPUTY MINISTERIAL RANK.

2. IN WAKE OF ALLEGED SEPT. 27 INCIDENT AT DULLES INVOLVING MINISTER BELYAK, MFA HAD REQUESTED EMBASSY ISSUE CATEGORY A VISAS TO MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS OF USSR AND THE SOVIET REPUBLICS TO ENSURE U.S. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC COURTESIES AND IMMUNITIES TO THEM. BELYAK INCIDENT AND GENERAL QUESTION WERE RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR BY MFA DIVISION CHIEF KORNIYENKO (REF C), AND MORE SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF CATEGORY A VISAS WAS MADE BY CHIEF OF MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION IPPLOITOV TO CHIEF OF AMEMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION (REF D).

3. IN EMBASSY VIEW ISSUANCE OF CATEGORY A VISAS TO MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS AS REQUESTED BY MFA IS POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE WITHIN SECTION (101 (A))
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(15)(A) INA AND REGULATIONS. OUR REFUSAL TO ISSUE SUCH

VISAS TO MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS WOULD , IN EMBASSY'S
VEIW, CONSTITUTE NEEDLESS IRRITANT IN OUR RELATIONS.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT AS GENERAL POLICY IT BE
AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CATEGORY A VISAS TO ALL MINISTERS
AND DEPUTY MINISTERS OF USSR.
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